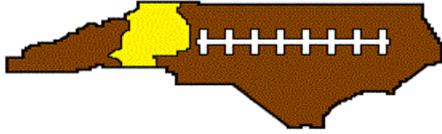


Inner Piedmont



Football Officials

Back Judge Mechanics Test

Name: _____

Date: _____

<p>KEY: R - Referee; U - Umpire; L - Linesman; LJ - Line Judge; BJ - Back Judge; LOS - Line of Scrimmage; NZ - Neutral Zone; LTG - Line To Gain; OOB - Out of Bounds; GL - Goal Line; A - Offensive Player; B - Defensive Player; K - Kicking Team; R - Receiving Team</p>

True/False

Directions: Place a "T" for True or an "F" for False in the space provided.

Pre-Game Responsibilities

- _____ 1. For varsity contests, officials should arrive at least 1½ hours before scheduled game time.
- _____ 2. A pre-game conference is optional.
- _____ 3. The BJ is responsible for all timing situations, including 25-second count, time-outs, quarter change and the time between a score and the succeeding kickoff.
- _____ 4. The BJ has primary responsibility for instructing the ball persons.

Coin Toss

- _____ 5. The BJ brings approved game ball from each team to the coin-toss if footballs are being run off one (LJ) sideline.

Free-Kicks: Kick-Offs

- _____ 6. The BJ is responsible for counting K and instructing the kicker.
- _____ 7. If there is a foul to be administered on the free-kick, the BJ gives final signal and administers the penalty.

- _____ 8. On a long kickoff return the BJ & LJ have Goal Line responsibility, and signal TD.
- _____ 9. The BJ is responsible for knowing if there is a planned on-side kick.
- _____ 10. On a free-kick following a safety, all officials assume same relative positions and responsibilities as they would for a free-kick after a try-for-point.
- _____ 11. The BJ shares responsibility with the LJ for infractions involving K's Free-Kick Line.
- _____ 12. R1 may signal for and make a fair catch on K's 48 yd. line.
- _____ 13. A kickoff by K1 from K's 40 is muffed by R1 at R's 45 yd. line. K2 may recover and advance.

Scrimmage Kicks: Punts

- _____ 14. After the ball is spotted, the BJ positions himself 10-12 yds. wider than and 2-3 yards in behind the deepest receiver(s) on L's side of the field.
- _____ 15. The BJ carries a bean bag in hand to mark: first touching, momentum, muff into the end zone and end of the kick.
- _____ 16. For punts originating inside R's 50 yd. line, the BJ shall position himself on the GL.
- _____ 17. A punt, which is muffed at R's 2 yd. line, may be recovered by R-2 in his own EZ and returned.
- _____ 18. The BJ is not responsible for the "Momentum Rule" during a punt.
- _____ 19. The BJ must rule on Fair Catch infractions.
- _____ 20. If a punt is caught inside the 10 yd. line and a player is then downed in his end zone or ball goes out-of-bounds there, BJ must be prepared to rule whether his momentum took him into the end zone.

Scrimmage Kicks: Field Goals and PAT

- _____ 21. The wing (either L or LJ), who is facing the back of the R, gets one upright.
- _____ 22. The other wing (either L or LJ), who is facing the back of the holder, remains on the LOS.
- _____ 23. The BJ rules on the crossbar and his upright.

Prior To The Snap

- _____24. On a play from scrimmage, the BJ positions himself at least 15-20 yards beyond defensive line of scrimmage and always deeper than the deepest defensive back.
- _____25. Each official is responsible for: Down, Distance, LTG, and Clock Status.
- _____26. When ball is on inbounds line (hash mark), the BJ's initial position should be no wider than the nearest upright of the goalpost.

Running Plays

- _____27. On out-of-bounds runs, especially in team areas, the BJ moves into the area of the dead ball and assists officials in maintaining order.
- _____28. On scrimmage plays, the Referee & Umpire are responsible for counting the offense, while the Back Judge and Linesman are responsible for counting the defense.
- _____29. The BJ has GL responsibility on any long run.

Pass Plays

- _____30. In a balanced offensive formation at the snap, the BJ has the widest receiver (s) to the L's side of the field.
- _____31. On pass plays, the BJ initially has primary responsibility for the receiver(s) inside the widest receivers (slot or tight end), but switches to zone coverage after the snap.
- _____32. If pass is complete in BJ area of responsibility sound whistle and move towards forward progress. When LTG is reached give T.O. signal twice.

After Try, Field Goal or Safety

- _____33. Officials hustle up sidelines to Free-Kick position and then fill out game-card.
- _____34. BJ begins timing one minute interval after R signals score, no score or safety.

Goal Line Mechanics

- _____ 35. If the R/BJ has the goal line, the L/LJ are not to blow their whistles unless they have the runner OOB prior to crossing the goal line.
- _____ 36. If a play threatens the back corner of the End Zone, the BJ and Wing Officials should make eye contact prior to giving a signal.
- _____ 37. If the snap is from the 10 yd. line, the BJ is responsible for end line coverage.

Penalty Administration & Enforcement

- _____ 38. There are only two types of plays: loose ball plays and running plays.
- _____ 39. On the first sideline warning, the covering official sounds his whistle, drops penalty marker, gives proper signal, and then reports infraction to referee.
- _____ 40. On penalty enforcement the BJ will assist in holding the spot of the foul and covering the flag.
- _____ 41. On fouls to be enforced on kick-offs, the BJ will give signal to the press-box.

Overtime

- _____ 42. The overtime period(s) is considered part of the 4th period.
- _____ 43. Unused 2nd half time-outs may not be carried over into an overtime period. Each team will start the overtime period with one (1) time out.
- _____ 44. For overtime periods, only the down marker is used for ball position.

Time Outs

- _____ 45. Between downs, communication between players and coaches near the sideline is not an unauthorized conference.
- _____ 46. As the seconds close to end the quarter, the R or BJ has the game clock (whichever person is facing the clock), while the U is to focus on the action of the ball.

Inadvertent Whistle

_____47. One of the keys to avoiding inadvertent whistles is to avoid blowing the whistle unless the ball can be actually seen in possession of a runner who is down or forward progress stopped.

Recommended Crew Communication Signals

_____48. Touchdown signals may be given as the official is running down the field.

_____49. Incomplete pass signals should be given after the official comes to a complete stop.

_____50. After a FG attempt or Try, the BJ and LJ/L at the same time move one yard into the end zone in front of their upright and signal score or no score (2x) while facing the LOS.